The Main clauses of the MoUs are more or less uniform in nature, but are changed for different States depending upon their status in respect of generation, transmission, distribution, time schedule of completion, size of subsidies installation of meters at 11 KV feeders, hundred percent metering, development of an effective distribution management information system, computerization of HT and LT billing system etc.

In addition to the above, the State Electricity Boards/Electricity Departments of the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram have signed Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Ministry of Power for undertaking reforms in the power sector and for achieving defined milestones as per agreed schedules. Other States are in the process of finalizing the MoA.

Coal based power plants in Madhya Pradesh

†1569. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to install the Coal based power plants of 1000 MW capacity in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the total expenditure likely to be incurred and the name of the places where these plants are proposed to be installed;

(c) whether the blue print to start the above projects has since been finalised; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board (MPSEB) have proposed to set up a 1000 MW (2 x 500 MW) capacity coal based thermal power project at Purnai in Khandawa District. The Government of Madhya Pradesh have accorded their administrative approval to the project in May, 2001. The project is proposed to yield its benefit during the 11th Plan. The Central Electricity Authority have, however, not received the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of this project for techno-economic appraisal.

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